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REMARKS

The finality of the Final Rejection should be reconsidered. An RCE had been filed and this is the first office action post-RCE. Therefore, it is not believed that there is any basis for the finality of the rejection. It is believed that the finality may be inadvertent.

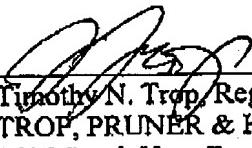
In any case, if the finality is to be maintained, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As amended, the claims call for write backs of non-sequential information. Mandal is explicit in paragraph [0071] that he takes "small sequential writes". He never contemplated the idea of non-sequential writes or determining whether two pieces of data were sufficiently close together to write them back as one atomic write.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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